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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
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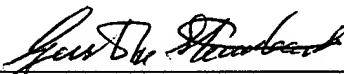
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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: REINFORCING RIDGE APPARATUS AND METHOD described and claimed in the attached specification;

I have reviewed and understand the content of the attached specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, C.F.R. §1.56(a).

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:


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